3. (amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer system to access a web site, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated with an address of the web site;

launching a web browser application in response to a user of said computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

accessing the web site using said web browser application and said address of the web site.

4. (amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer system to access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated with a file containing information relating to the web site;

accessing the web site using an already executing web browser application and said address for the web, in response to a user of said computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution, wherein said web browser application is separate from said file.

5. (amended) A graphical interactive computer system for accessing a desired document located at a network location, comprising:

means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated with a file containing a network address corresponding to the network location;

means for enabling a user of the computer system to interactively select said desktop icon for execution;

means for launching a web browser application in response to the user selecting said desktop icon for execution, if said web browser application is not currently executing, wherein said application is separate from said file; and

means for retrieving the desired document from the network location using said web browser application and said network address.

6. (amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a first computer system to access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a desktop icon associated with a file from a second computer system, said file containing an address corresponding to web site;

displaying the desktop icon on a desktop of the first computer system;

launching a web browser application in response to a user of the first computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

accessing the web site using said web browser application and said address corresponding to the web site.

7. (unchanged)   The method of claim 6, wherein said receiving step comprises receiving an e-mail from the second computer system, said e-mail including said desktop icon.

8. (unchanged)   The method of claim 6, wherein said receiving step comprises receiving an internet message from the second computer system, said internet message including said desktop icon.

9. (amended)   One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable device, launch a web browser application in response to a user of the programmable device selecting a desktop icon on a desktop for execution, the desktop icon associated with an address of a web site accessible by the web browser application.

10. (amended)   A desktop icon for display on a desktop, said desktop icon associated with a web site wherein selection of the desktop icon launches a web browser application and causes the web browser application to access the web site.

11. (amended)   One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable device in response to selection of a desktop icon displayed on a desktop, the desktop icon associated an address of a web site, launch a web browser application capable of accessing the web site using the address.

12. (amended) A graphical interactive system comprising:

means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated with an address of a web site;

means for launching a web browser application in response to a user of said system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

means for accessing the web site using said web browser application and said address of the web site.